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FROM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

1. FOLLOWING DETAILS RE DEATH AMBASSADOR MEIN OBTAINED FROM
EMBASSY CHAUFFEUR AND DR. SALVADOR ORTEGA, WHO WAS ON SCENE:

1500 AMBASSADOR RETURNING TOWARD EMBASSY IN OFFICIAL LIMOUSINE,
ALONE WITH DRIVER. PROCEEDING NORTH ALONG AVENIDA REFORMA,
BETWEEN 12TH AND 13TH STREETS, ZONE 10

1502 GREEN CAR, POSSIBLY 64 BUICK, OVERTOOK LIMOUSINE ON
LEFT, FORCING IT TO CURB, GRAZED LEFT FRONT FENDER. SMALL RED
TRUCK STOPPED IMMEDIATELY BEHIND LIMOUSINE, BLOCKING IT.
YOUNG MAN, DRESSED OLIVE-GREEN FATIGUES, ARMED SUBMACHINE
GUN, EMERGED FROM GREEN CAR, ORDERED CHAUFFEUR AND AMBASSADOR
STEP OUT. DRIVER STEPPED OUT OF CAR, BUT AMBASSADOR OPENED
RIGHT REAR DOOR AND BEGAN RUN BACK IN DIRECTION SOUTH, PROTECTED
BY CAR.

ARMED YOUTH RAN TO LEFT REAR FENDER OF CAR, SHOUTED HALT,
WHILE DRIVER GREEN CAR SAID QUOTE SHOOT KIM, KILL HIM
UNQUOTE. YOUTH FIRED BURST 5-8 SHOTS, AMBASSADOR FELL ABOUT
12-15 YARDS BEHIND LIMOUSINE. GREEN AND RED CARS FLED.

EMBASSY DRIVER RAN TO AMBASSADOR, WAS IMMEDIATELY JOINED BY
DR. ORTEGA WHO HAPPENED HAVE BEEN DRIVING SOME TWENTY YARDS
BEHIND LIMOUSINE, HAD WITNESSED WHOLE INCIDENT. DR. ORTEGA
SAYS AMBASSADOR WAS KILLED INSTANTLY, PROBABLY BY BULLET
THROUGH BACK WHICH CUT AORTA.

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